is not involved in its functioning and does not probe into the linkage. NASSCOM has established with stakeholders in the software sector.

Annual growth rate of trade in IT

†4482. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of trade in the information technology industry has been assessed to 56.5 per cent during the last five years;

(b) if not, the actual annual growth rate thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been meagre increase in the contribution of service sector in the Gross Domestic Production of the country during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(d) if so, the annual growth rate during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per a National Assocation of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) survey, the Indian IT software and services industry has been growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 56.5 per cent in the last five years.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The contribution of service sector to the GDP has grown from 41% in 1990-91 to around 49% in 2000-01. The service sector as a whole is growing faster than the GDP and grew at

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

8.2% in 1998-99, at 9.6% in 1999-2000 and is expected to grow at 8.3% in 2000-01. IT is the fastest growing segment in the services sector and its contribution as a percentage of GDP grew from 2.29% in 1998-99 to 3.24% in 1999-2000.

Posts of Hindi Translators/Officers/Assistants in the Ministry of Labour

4483. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in his Ministry and allied PSUs/attached and subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondence;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) 334 posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/Assistants have been created.

(b) Details of vacant posts are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Posts are to be filled by way of direct recruitment/promotion/ deputation as per the provisions of recruitment rules. Requisitions have been sent to the Union Public Service Commission & Staff Selection Commission for nomination of direct recruit candidates. Procedural formalities are being completed for filling up of the posts by promotion/deputation.